

Bulletin – LUC Jan 10, 2021 Live Stream only (no in-person)

Epiphany 1 Christ candle is lit
Worship Leader: Karen Cartmell

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements - Ken Ready

Call to Worship

Epiphany is a time of revelation, a time when we see things for the first time or in a new light.

Open our eyes to see your light, O God.

Epiphany is a time when we hear God's call and all that God is calling us to be.

Open our ears to hear your calling, O God.

Epiphany is a time when we recognize God's grace, abundant and overflowing.

Open our hearts to receive your grace, O God.

Epiphany is a time for worship, that we might be called by the light of Christ, led by the Holy Spirit and filled with the grace of God.

Open our lives to respond in worship of you, O God.

Opening Hymn: 36 Voices United, *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* (verses 1, 3 and 4)

Invocation Prayer

Gracious and accepting God, as we celebrate Epiphany,

Illuminate this place with a growing star,

Make brilliant the sacred that sits in each of our hearts.

Invite us to seek the light of Christ's presence

Set out for us to follow.

Attune us to the childlike engagement naturally found in the very young.

We have celebrated the birth of Christ

Now let us join in the journey of the Magi as they find Christ too

Help us be gracious and attentive to this gift of light that is given to us, and use it to inspire others

In the Christ child's name we pray.

Amen

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Illumination

Loving God, as we come together in this season of Epiphany, illuminate us with your heavenly rays. Enlighten your people to notice the sacred and the divine around us. Make us aware of your light illuminating our way. Attune us to the voices from inside us and beyond us as we live out our lives.

Be with us as we meditate on your word for us today.

Help us to receive your word, and live it out in our lives, so that together we might be an epiphany to the world around us.

Amen

Poem: The Journey of Melchior

Hymn: *We Three Kings*

Scripture Lessons: Matthew 2: 1-12

Music for Reflection: *A Voice was Heard in Ramah*

Reflection: Follow the Star

Hymn: 91 Voices United, *The First Nowell* (verses 1, 2, 3 and 5)

Our Offerings are Blessed

*Prayer of Dedication

*Offering Music: 55 Voices United, *In the Bleak Midwinter* (verse 4)

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Final Hymn: 96 Voices United, *Will You Come and See the Light* (verses 1, 3 and 5)

Benediction & Commissioning

And now into God's world we go,
To tell the world what we have heard and seen

Let us go with open hearts

Thankful for the virtual gathering today

Let us go with hope

Keeping our eyes open for "stars" to guide us

Let us go in faith

Knowing that we, like the Magi, are on this faith journey together

Let us go in love

Knowing that we are loved by God, and spread that love wherever we go this day.

As we leave this place

We will remember that God is with us, each and every day.

Thanks be to God. Amen

Benediction Response: *What You Hear in the Dark* (chorus) (X2)

Postlude